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FCC-FDA meeting: Enabling the Convergence of Communications and Medical Systems

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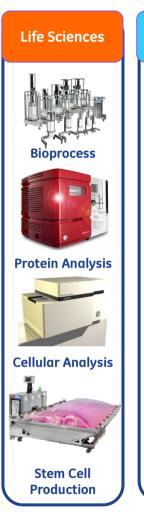
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Better health for more people

Broad expertise across healthcare











Leadership technologies, global footprint, diverse portfolio

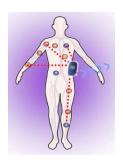
Wireless Trends/Benefits

Technology Trends

- Convergence of ubiquitous broadband and more capable portable medical devices
- Body area networks, 802.15.6, miniaturization
- Evolving 802.11 capabilities
- Cellular networks, 3G, 4G
- Distributed antenna systems
- Interoperability standards

Benefits

- Address currently unmonitored patients/parameters
- Remote access of information for caregivers and patients
- Transfer of data to EMR, databases; enables clinical decision support, research
- Caregiver productivity
- Extend care beyond hospitals







Challenges/Opportunities

- Suitable/Sufficient wireless spectrum
- System/Risk Management for multi-purpose networks
- Associated standards, regulations
- Clarity of roles and responsibilities